Decline in demand of IT professionals

1915. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is steep decline in the demand of IT professionals in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether domestic demand has also been declined;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Governments are taking to see that demand picks up and IT professionals are offered employment in foreign countries and in the country itself?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) There has been no steep decline in demand for IT professionals in foreign countries such as UK, Italy, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, as per NASSCOM and Ministry of External Affairs. However, there has been an ongoing recession in the .US economy leading to some decline in the demand for IT professionals.

(b) and (c) Although, there has been a slight decline in the growth of domestic market, this has provided an opportunity to IT professionals in the software and services industry which offers solutions of highest quality incorporating latest technology at globally competitive rates.

(d) As a part of its pre-decided strategy, Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) has been taking steps, such as, exploring other markets like that of Latin American countries, Europe, UK, Japan, Australia and organizing events like Global India Soft to provide platform to small and medium companies in India.